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# Patient Alert

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For Circulation to	GP Surgeries	Out Of Hours	Pharmacies	
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For the Attention of	GP & Practice Manager			

Please Note: It is suspected that the subject of this alert may attempt to obtain medication inappropriately

Name	KD Male
Address	n/a
Date of Birth / Age	n/a
NHS Number (If known)	n/a
Name and Practice of Usual or Last Known GP	n/a
Drugs involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• requests oxycodone MR 10mg tablets (Longtec) and oxycodone 5mg capsules (Shortec) mostly (various doses and brands), but has requested other strengths</li><li>• also makes requests for various Clenil inhalers, salbutamol inhalers and montelukast</li><li>• requests odd prescriptions for co-codamol</li></ul>
Presenting Scenario	<p><b>Details:</b></p> <p>This patient presents with a history of a previous serious injury and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• uses a real address but adds 'A' to the number</li><li>• frequents multiple GP practices &amp; pharmacies across the South East</li><li>• suspected to be using their real name, DOB and NHS number</li></ul> <p>The patient will be newly registered (or new to pharmacy) or registering as a temporary resident.</p> <p>They have presented around the South East and beyond. This week we have been made aware of him registering at multiple GP Practices in Oxfordshire. <b>For context, between April 2019 and December 2020 he was able to register at 75 different GP practices and obtain 275 prescriptions for 20,000 unit doses.</b></p>

IF URGENT OR PATIENT OR PUBLIC SAFETY IS AT RISK TELEPHONE THE POLICE ON 101 OR 999

	controlled drugs. Similar caution should be applied to any newly registered person requesting medication liable for abuse.
<b>Any Other Information</b>	n/a

**Action to be taken if this person presents:**

Clinicians should always check the SCR and speak to the current practice (in this case the individual is believed to be using his own name- it's all on the SCR but he still succeeds).

Consider whether the information you have is sufficient and reliable enough to enable you to prescribe safely; for example, whether:

- You have access to their medical records or other reliable information about the patient's health and other treatments they are receiving
- You can verify other important information by examination or testing
- Ask for the patient's consent to contact their current general practitioner if you need more information or confirmation of the information you have before prescribing. If the patient objects, you should explain that you cannot prescribe for them and what their options are
- If you think there is a clinical need then provide a prescription for the **smallest** amount possible.

For pharmacy staff, if you are presented with a prescription for oxycodone for a new patient that matches the above, please contact the prescriber and make them aware of this alert. You could also check the SCR if deemed appropriate.

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